

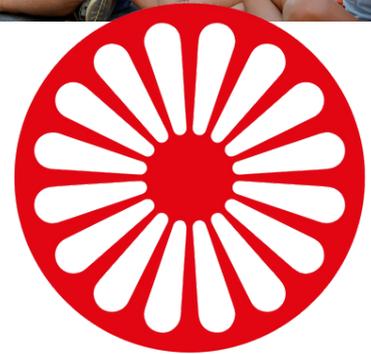


# The Gipsy Marionettist Dossier



Show created and has been running since 2012  
**Performed and directed by Rašid Nikolić**

Number of artists on stage: 1  
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**Me Som Rom!  
I am Roma!**

**Website:** <https://www.thegipsymarionettist.com/>

**Video promo:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-EQLTLfWA4>

**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/thegipsymarionettist/>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/MarionetteGipsy/>



## The Gipsy Marionettist Awards and More

**2024**

**Awarded by the International jury of the European Festival of Humor & Satire - Kremnické Gagy**, voted as the **"Best Show"** within the category of "Street Performers" and Prized with the **"Golden Gander"**

**2024**

**Selected by "Outdoor Arts Italia"** catalogue as Italian finest performance for its "showcase online"

**2024**

**First place in the Online Showcase contest 'PERFORM-IT!'** organised by A.N.A.P - Associazione Nazionale Arti Performative

**2024**

Selected as one of the 4 protagonist of the **7 years Documentary "Tanto di cappello"** **storytelling the life and work of street busking performers**, directed by Angelo D'Agostino. Winner of Audience Prize and Unipop mention at the Glocal film Festival in Torino

**2021**

**Selected by RaiPlay (Italian TV) and Giovanni Allevi** (composer and orchestra conductor) to represent Torino's street art scene in the dedicated Docu-series **"Allevi in the jungle"**

**2018**

**Selected by "UNIMA Italia"** - Unione Internazionale della Marionetta - for its Almanac **"Catalogue of puppet shows"** containing the best Figure theatre productions in Italy

# The Gipsy Marionettist

## Recent Calendar

Find the rest of the calendar on the website  
[www.thegipsymarionettist.com](http://www.thegipsymarionettist.com)

**2024**

### **October**

-Artmosfera Busker Festival - Ardena, Italy

### **September**

-Festival Internacional de Teatro de Molina de Segura - Spain

-Coi piè Descalsi - Treviso, Italy

-Bajocco Festival - Albano Laziale, Italy

-Mirabilia Festival - Cuneo, Italy

### **August**

-European Festival of Humer & Satire - Gagykremnickè Festival - Slovakia

-Spettacolo in Brunnen - Switzerland

-Di strada in Strada - Santa Sofia, Italy

-Lonato in Festival - Italy

-SMIAF - International Arts festival - San Marino

### **July**

-Kusa Festivals - Heilbronn, Germany

-Girovagarte Sonico - Brescia, Italy

-Circonauta - Lecce, Italy

-Ulicà Festival - Krakow, Poland

### **June**

-Bondoro Fesztival - Balatonalmádi, Hungary

-FITS - Sibiu International Theater Festival - Romania

-Suq Genova - Italy

-Olimpiadi Verdiane - Busseto, Italy

-Altstadtauber Soest - Germany

-Buskers Braunschweig - Germany

### **May**

-Magia al Borgo - Italy

-Bam Circus - Milano, Italy

-Festival artisti di strada Ascona - Switzerland

-La fabbrica di Zurigo - Switzerland

-Aufgetischt St.gallen Buskers festival - Switzerland

# The Gipsy Marionettist

## Credits

**Name of the show:** The Gipsy Marionettist

**Year of production:** 2012

**Artistic Name:** The Gipsy Marionettist

**Performer:** Rašid Nikolić

**Author and Director:** Rašid Nikolić

**Genre:** String Marionette & Comedy

**Duration:** 40/45 min. - if necessary it can be shortened to 30 minutes



### **Plot:**

Strings stretch and smiles arise while each marionette, hand-carved and inspired by members of my family, create a different atmosphere and different photography. Family relationships resolve and extricate, string by string, during a symbolic and entertaining story, a daring journey from former war-time Yugoslavia to Italy. A pawing and fiery Skeleton, a sweet and ravenous Tiger, a mysterious Oriental Bellydancer and much more.

**Short BIO:**

Rašid Nikolić was born on the year 1989 in Bosnia from a mixed family of Roma ethnicity.

The upcoming war in former Yugoslavia forces him and his family to flee to Germany as political refugees. They then find themselves in a "camp for nomads" in Italy, Turin.

This experience and his cultural and ethnic background deeply influence his career and artistic production.

After learning how to carve wood by his grandfather, he perfected his marionette making skills in Ukraine, France and Spain.



Since 2012 he tours with his show "The Gypsy Marionettist", also his artistic alias, which helps him meet the bohemian and romantic image often associated to his people, giving him an opportunity to relate to the audience and share what Roma culture truly is, without stereotypes or generalizations.

In 2018 he creates "Freak Show", for an adult audience, which meets freaky topics without modesty.

Since 2020 he is Professor of Puppet Theatre at the Albertina Academy of Fine Arts of Turin - Italy.

Since 2021 he's able to showcase his political work as an activist thanks to his Stand-up Comedy show "Rom VS Tutti", that with ferocity and irony destroys all stereotypes on Roma culture.

He strongly believes in the mystic power of marionettes as a way of escaping this realm, in their capacity to touch the deepest fears and highest possibilities of the human soul.



**THE GIPSY  
MARIONETTIST**

